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An emblem and slogan is needed for this space. A member of the Association offers $25.00 for the emblem best designed to suggest the activities and purposes of the Association.

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Mr. Sydney H. Noe, Secretary
Numismatic Society of America
156th Street at Broadway
New York City, New York

Dear Sir:

Will you not clip and send me six of your official letterheads? As a part of its program the M. A. C. W. L. is sending out through this state traveling exhibits on conservation, a feature of which, for the school children, will be an emblem contest.

A scrap book of about fifty emblems, yours encluded will probably prove helpful, hence this request.

Yours respectfully,

R. N. Lobdell

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ORGANIZED 1927 INCORPORATED 1928 CHARTER MEMBERSHIP 286.

The Association Wants Mississippi to Have:

(1) More sport for the sportsmen.
(2) More furs for the trapper.
(3) More fish in the streams.
(4) More beneficial hawks and owls to eat field rats and field mice.
(5) More song birds in town and country.
(6) More holly, wild crabapples, dogwood and azalia to beautify roadsides and woodland.
(7) More boys and girls, men and women who love the outdoors and who go there with seeing eyes and hearing ears.
(8) Now, before it is too late, some lakes and streams, marshes, meadows and woodlands to be forever recreation places for the people and refuges for the wild life resources of the state.
(9) Public hunting grounds modeled on those of Pennsylvania, which in practice give good hunting for hunters, yet also increase the supply of game.
(10) A State Department of Conservation to enforce the game laws, to investigate the economic status of our native fauna and flora, to establish and care for sanctuaries and shooting grounds and to educate the people in conservation, all support from hunting licenses.

Mississippi is the only state in the Union which does not have an official state wild life conservation department.

The Mississippi Association for the Conservation of Wild Life is the only state organization concerned exclusively with conservation and proper utilization of wild life resources in the state of Mississippi.

"Education means conservation." Mississippi is not spending a single dollar for wild life conservation education.

Some of the Things Done During the First Year of The Association:

1. Secured the active cooperation of the State Plant Board.
   The State Department of Education.
   The State Teachers Association.
   Sportsmen Clubs in different parts of the state.
   Federation of Womans Clubs.
   American Legion, Mississippi Division.
   Daughters of the American Revolution.
   Mississippi Parent-Teachers Association.
   Fair Associations.
   Federal Fish Hatchery, Tupelo, Miss.
   Y. W. C. A. and Girl Reserves.
2. Visited 20 county and state fairs with exhibits and literature.
3. Gave illustrated lectures to 20,000 school children, conducted 20 nature study tours.
4. Aided in making a state wide distribution of fish rescued from overflowed area in the summer 1927.
5. Visited 15 boards of supervisors in interest of better wild life conservation.
6. Answered many letters of inquiry from sportsmen, teachers and students and furnished literature when possible.
7. Sponsored a piece of legislation which sought to provide a state wild life conservation department at the last session of the legislature.

MEMBERSHIP DETAILS

All persons in sympathy with the objectives of the association are eligible to membership, and to share in the duty and privilege of preserving for our own use, and for that of future generations the wild life resources of the state.

Active members pay $1.00 in advance for the whole or part of the fiscal year—August through July. Supporting members, $5.00; Research members, $10.00, and Sustaining members $25.00 annually. Life membership (no other dues) $100.00. Patron membership, $1,000.00.

As one means toward overcoming that public inertia which recognizes the need for conservation but allows our wild life resources to continue to slip away, the association offers three competitions:

1. To the Sportsman Club, Womans Club, D. A. R. Chapter, Civic Association or other organization in Mississippi that during the year 1928-29 accomplishes the most outstanding piece of wild life conservation work, a gift will be made of the value of $50.00. At the option of the winning organization this may take the form of nursery grown grafted holly trees, or of nursery grown seedling magnolias, or garland crabapples, or regal lily bulbs, or a bird bath, suitably inscribed; or young game fish for stocking ponds or streams.
2. To the Mississippi school boy or girl who designs the best emblem expressive of the activities or aims of the association and suitable for reproduction on the association letterheads and literature, a reward of $25.00 in gold will be given. This will be conducted through the cooperation of the State Teachers Association.
3. To the member of the association who coins the best slogan for the use of the association, a living Christmas tree, of a variety suited for growing in that park, school yard or church lawn in which the winner wishes to plant it. The executive committee will act as final judges of these three contests.

Address The Mississippi Association for the Conservation of Wild Life. Mrs. F. Belk Smith, Secretary, LAUREL, MISSISSIPPI